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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ASHLAND,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, LIQUOR AGENT,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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Report of the Selectmen.

Taxable Articles, 1878.

290 Polls,	$29,000 00
144 Horses,	11,944 00
387 Cattle,	9,965 00
314 Sheep,	1,033 00
Carriages,	2,656 00
Stock in Trade,	35,476 00
Money at Interest,	7,100 00
Factories and Machinery,	101,300 00
Real Estate,	254 680 00
Total Inventory,	$453,154 00

State, County, Town and School tax, on Poll,	$1 18
Highway tax, on Poll,	23
	$1 41

Out-Standing Claims.

Francis M. Hughes, Auditing, and care of Hall,	$7 89
A. C. Whipple, Registering Births and Deaths,	5 25
Paul Perkins, bounty on six foxes.	3 00
Geo. M. Hodgdon, labor on highway in 1877,	9 00
Thos. P. Cheney, breaking roads in 1876 and 1877,	9 00
	$34 14

CURRENT EXPENSES.—Paid by Order on the Town Treasurer.

Thos. P. Woodman, stationery and express,	$13 76
Paul Perkins, bounty on fifteen foxes,	7 50
Kimball & Temple, printing Reports and Check-list,	30 00
A. B. Shepard, services as Moderator, four meetings,	8 00
R. L. Howe, bounty on hawk,	20
W. F. Harris, telegraphing,	1 59
W. C. Hughes, copying Inventory,	4 00
" " " " for Commissioners,	3 75
B. F. Nutting, bounty on hawk,	20
J. L. Wilson, counsel fee for prosecuting Agents,	12 00
H. F. Hill, fence destoryed by tramps,	2 87
D. H. Ames, Line Stone bet. Ashland and New Hampton,	2 50
T. N. Hughes, land damage,	10 00
H. N. Smythe, perambulating Town lines,	2 50
Robert Pease, bounty on two foxes,	1 00
L. A. Ham, painting Town safe,	1 25
Joseph Lambert, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00
D. S. Baker, " " "	10 00
A. F. Jones, " " "	12 00
R. W. Ladd, building book-case for Town Clerk,	4 50
H. H. Shepard, lumber for book-case for Town Clerk,	2 00
W. F. Harris, services as Police,	3 00
Blair & Burleigh, counsel for Selectmen,	6 00
" " " Police,	9 75
Eri G. Clapp, services as Selectman,	80 00
" " " Overseer of Poor,	14 68
" " blanks, stationery, and postage,	4 85
" " bounty on three hawks,	60
Frank N. Flanders, services as Selectman,	41 00
" " " Police,	15 00
" " keeping tramps,	11 50
Dexter Sanborn, services as Collector,	75 00
" " " S. S. Committee,	19 00
" " " Auditor,	5 00
" " " Supervisor, and tax bills,	6 00
S. M. Smith, services as Selectman,	38 00
B. B. Worthen, services as Town Clerk,	43 50
Frank L. Hughes, services as Treasurer,	35 54
R. R. D. Dearborn, services as Librarian,	25 00
	$566 04

SCHOOL MONEY.

	School Money.	Dog Tax.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	$901 25	$36 00	$42 00	$979 25
" " 2,	22 42	36 00	4 50	62 92
" " 3,	39 29	17 50	2 25	59 04
" " 4,	64 21	36 00	5 00	105 21
" " 5,	12 33	11 50	1 75	25 58
	$1,039 50	$137 00	$55 50	$1,232 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel Blanchard, lumber and labor, Hackett bridge,	$7 25
C. C. Eastman, plank and labor, Owl brook bridge,	13 98
James Howe, labor on highway,	19 75
A. F. Jones, labor on culvert and highway,	77 97
A. R. Eastman, plank in District No. 3,	1 84
S. W. Fletcher, plank for S. C. Baker and Mead bridges,	58 17
Samuel Shepard, labor on Owl brook bridge,	1 00
David H. G. Fogg, powder and drills,	3 50
Asa Drew, labor on highway and breaking roads,	10 48
Robert Pease, labor on highway,	2 69
J. P. Pattee, watering trough,	3 00
John Dean, breaking road,	1 90
S. C. Clapp, labor on highway,	2 50
	$204 03

Expense of the Poor.

Paid H. N. Smythe, support of Mrs. James Drew,	$156 00
S. N. Morse, support of James Rowe,	156 00
Ambrose Merrill, support of J. Hutton's child,	43 00
Hiram Hodgdon, goods for Moses Cortier,	43 25
Hughes & Huckins, goods for Moses Cortier,	5 58
Mrs. Hall, boarding Moses Cortier,	3 00
A. C. Whipple, attendance on A. C. Grant,	6 25
O. G. Smith, boarding A. C. Grant,	10 00
E. G. Clapp, Alvin Prescott's fare to County Farm, and examining record,	2 22
	$425 30

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmens's Account for the Year Ending March 1, 1879.

PAID BY ORDER ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Out-standing Claims,	$34 14
Current Expenses,	566 04
School Money,	1,232 00
Roads and Bridges,	204 03
Expenses of the Poor,	425 30
	$2,461 51

ERI G. CLAPP, } *Selectmen of*
FRANK N. FLANDERS, } *Ashland.*

This certifies that we have carefully examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors.*
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, }

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

Collector's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

Whole amount of State, County, Town, and School taxes,	$5,305 43	
Dog tax,	82 00	
Non-Resident tax,	43 77	
" " highway tax,	8 67	
Uncollected taxes,	932 54	
Interest on taxes,	23 65	
		$6,396 06

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Town Treasurer,	$5,168 58	
Abatements,	82 75	
Discounts,	78 38	
Non-Resident highway tax, worked out,	3 85	
Uncollected tax,	1,062 50	
		$6,396 06

Respectfully Submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, *Collector.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

Janitor's Report.

John S. Drew in Account with the Town of Ashland, for the Year ending March 1, 1879.

		DR.
To Cash received for rent of Hall,		$86 50
	CR.	
By care of Hall, and Cash paid for supplies,	$85 22	
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	1 28	
		$86 50

J. S. DREW, *Janitor.*

Report of the Town Librarian,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

No full statistical information, in regard to the Library, can at this time be given, as the books loaned have not all been returned so that they can be inspected and counted.

The general condition of the books is bad; being much worn and more than three-fourths of the most popular and desirable books are, on account of their dilapidated condition, withdrawn from circulation that they may be repaired or rebound. Some are in such a damaged condition as to be past repair.

The demand for books is unabated. New books are much wanted.

The number of volumes taken within the past year is 2,233.

The number of takers is 208.

Paid Town Treasurer, amount of fines collected,	$2 82
" " " received for book lost,	1 00
Amount,	$3 82

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Town Librarian.*

February 28, 1879.

Report of the Town Liquor Agent,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

Value of Liquors on hand Mar. 1, 1878, estimated,	$278 84	
Cost of Liquors purchased within the year ending February 28, 1879,	303 88	
Total value of Liquors on hand, and purchased,		$582 72
Estimated cost of Liquors on hand, March 1, 1879,		$140 84
Cash received from sale of Liquors,	$679 86	
" " " " Casks,	10 75	
Total Cash receipts,		$690 61

AND ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid for Liquors,	$303 88	
Sundry bills and charges for express, freight, truckage, postage, stationery, &c.,	12 07	
My salary for 15 months, ending March 7, 1879, at $80.00 per year,	100 00	
Town Treasurer,	274 66	
Total Cash payments,		$690 61

Whole number of sales during the year, 1,512.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Town Liquor Agent.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN,
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Auditors.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Out-standing notes, and interest to March 1, 1879,		$5,295 88
	Cr.	
By Balance due from County,	$234 50	
Liquors in hand of Agent,	140 84	
Uncollected taxes,	1,060 16	
Cash on hand,	864 40	
		$2,299 90
		$2,995 98

Amount of debt, March, 1, 1878,	$4,117 40
" " " " 1879,	2,995 98
Decrease of debt in 1878,	$1,121 42

Respectfully Submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

F. L. Hughes in Account with the Town of Ashland.

	Dr.
To Balance, brought from last year,	$1,234 31
Order on County Treasurer,	179 58
Cash of Mrs. L. A. Jewett,	200 00
" F. P. Nichols,	250 00
" Mrs. Ella Cumings,	100 00
" for use of Town Hall Grounds,	5 00
" of Benjamin Cass,	270 00
" Rachel Ricker,	500 00
" Solon A. Carter, Railroad Tax,	89 89
" " " Literary Fund,	55 50
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	789 86
" John S. Drew, Janitor, Town Hall,	1 28
" F. N. Flanders, costs, Ellerson case,	13 55
" R. R. D. Dearborn, Librarian,	3 82
" " " " Liquor Agent,	274 66

To Cash of Dexter Sanborn, Collector,	1876,	$30 51	
" " " "	1877,	777 86	
" " " "	1878,	4,360 21	
			$9,136 03

	Cr.	
By paid Solon A. Carter, State Tax,	$1,188 00	
Ward P. Whitcher, County Tax,	1,636 54	
Notes and Interest,	2,985 15	
Town Orders,	2,461 51	
Cash on hand,	864 83	
		$9,136 03

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Town Treasurer.*

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN,
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Auditors.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

REPORT OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO THE S. S. COMMITTEE.

In conformity with the law, and for your information, the undersigned submit the first Annual Report of the Board of Education.

We understand our return to be of a limited nature, as that which comes from you will cover the matters generally embraced before the constitution of a Board.

Three full terms, of ten weeks each, have been held. The first term of the Grammar School was taught by Miss Cora L. Page; the others by Miss Lydia A. Webster. Miss Fanny M. Keyes has been in charge of the Intermediate, and Miss Emma J. Davis of the Primary.

From various causes, the first term of the Grammar School was unsatisfactory. But all the other schools and all other terms of *that* school have been of a most gratifying nature.

The Board has been called on several times to assist in maintaining the interests of the schools in a manner not altogether pleasant, and at such times has endeavored to be discreet, just and moderate, but also firm. Its members have proceeded mainly as the counsellors, and always as the friends of those with whom they were called to deal. The action taken is believed to have been such as was necessary and wise. An equal care has been used as in the private business of each member, and has often been rendered at the expense of personal pleasure and convenience. Their best and only recompense has been the hope that the general public good has been, in some measure, served.

We desire to call your attention to the fact that a High School is most sorely needed. The Grammar teacher is overloaded with duties which she ought not to carry, or be expected to carry, but to which she has attended, lest bright, industrious pupils should be discouraged in advancing. In that School the need of an upper grade is very severely felt, but the schools below are more or less over-crowded and disorganized, in comparison to what they should be, from the same cause. If the lack is to continue long, many will have to go out of town, and many more, unable to afford that, will find their school days ended. It is earnestly to be hoped that financial conditions will be such that another grade can be opened at an early day.

The statistics are as follows :—The three terms under each head coming in order :

PRIMARY.

Average daily attendance, 46 1-4, 49 3-5, 30 3-4 ; number of different boys attending two weeks or more, 23, 26, 21 ; number different girls attending same time, 29, 28, 18 ; number different pupils attending same time, 52, 54, 39 ; pupils under five years, 1 ; whole number of pupils over fifteen years, 54 ; whole number between five and fifteen, 51, 11, 39 ; whole number under six years, 10, 7 ; number over sixteen years of age, 43 ; whole number between six and sixteen years, 40, 32 ; number not absent, 10, 11, 3. Wages of teacher per month, $36.

HONOR ROLL.

FIRST TERM.—Ella Horrigan, Minnie Lavallare, Bertha Morse, Mamie Mousette, Minnie O'Neil, Mamie Rogers, Charlie Fisher, Docaty Lavallare, Gay Robie, Charlie Rogers.

SECOND TERM.—Lucy M. S. Cass, Mamie Fisher, Ella Horrigan, Mamie Mousette, Emma Mousette, Bertha Morse, Minnie O'Neil, Charlie Fisher, Charlie Rogers, Willie Sanborn, Willie Smith.

THIRD TERM.—Lucy M. S. Cass, Charlie Fisher, Charlie Rogers.

Intermediate.

Average daily attendance, 32, 32 1-3, 33; number different boys attending two weeks or more, 19, 21, 22; number different girls attending same time, 15, 16, 15; number different pupils attending two weeks or more, 34, 37, 37; number pupils over fifteen years, 2, 3; whole number pupils between five and fifteen years, 36, 35, 41; whole number between six and sixteen, 36, 37, 44; number pupils not absent, 21, 24, 19. Wages of teacher per month, $38.

HONOR ROLL.

First Term.—Eddie Horrigan, Mary J. Horrigan, Willie M. Sweeney, John D. Shepard, James D. Fadden, Willie S. Fletcher, John E. Morrison, Lilian E. Fadden, Willie Baker, Willie Fisher, Maggie Horrigan, Lilla M. Small, Nettie Sanborn, Katie O'Neil, Lucy A. Hughes, Addie R. Moore.

Second Term.—Charles E. Clough, Harry S. Heath, Eddie Horrigan, Herman W. Shepard, John D. Shepard, Jerry Sullivan, M. Gertie Harriman, Mary J. Horrigan, Minnie L. Baker, Alice M. Dearborn, Minnie G. Flanders, Maggie Horrigan, Katie O'Neil, Willie G. Baker, Clara B. Harriman, Nettie M. Sanborn, Carrie F. Fletcher, Henry Morse.

Third Term.—Eddie Horrigan, John D. Shepard, Harry S. Heath, Mary J. Horrigan, Willie Fletcher, Wm. H. Morse, Katie O'Neil, George E. Fisher, Willie Fisher, Sarah Andrews, Minnie O'Neil, Lilla Small.

Grammar.

Average daily attendance, 39, 40, 43; number different boys attending two weeks or more, 20; number different girls attending two weeks or more, 21; number different pupils attending, same time, 41; whole number over fifteen years, 8; whole number between five and fifteen, 29; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 33; number not absent, 20. Wages of teacher per month, First Term, $38.; Second and Third, $44.

HONOR ROLL.

First Term.—Carrie A. Scribner, Ellen A. Webster, Amy Morse, Ruth C. Gordon, Allie Gordon, Allie Howe, Evie D. Howe, Nellie M. Brown, Alice Ames, Aileen Clough, Adelle A. Dearborn, Ada E. Peaslee, Martha Smith, Leon R. Page, Ansel J. Cummings, John H. O'Neil, Frank O'Neil.

Second Term.—George Dearborn, Ansel J. Cummings, Sheldon Ellis, Frank Huckins, Allan Morrison, Frank O'Neil, Alice Ames, Allie Gordon, Evie D. Howe, Dellie Ladd, Ada E. Peaslee, Carrie A. Scribner, Martha Smith, Mary Shaw, Ellen A. Webster.

Third Term.—Alice Appleyard, Alice Ames, Adelle Dearborn, Amy Morse, Wilfred Brown, Ora Brown, John O'Neil, Frank O'Neil, Frank Shepard, George Scribner.

J. F. KEYES, *President.*
E. F. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

For the Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

In presenting our Annual Report we would say, by way of explanation, that we have had charge of schools in Districts No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 only; 3 and 5 are the Union Districts.

In District No. 1 the schools have been entirely under the supervision of a Board of Education, whose report accompanies this.

The schools have made fair progress during the year, but might have done better in Nos. 2 and 3, if, instead of two short terms with a long vacation between, there had been one long one, with perhaps, one or two weeks vacation about the middle of the term, as was done in No. 4.

Do you want to improve your schools? If so, you must visit them and look after the training of your children in the schoolroom as well as you do your financial affairs, and you will see a marked improvement.

Parents do not take that lively interest in the education of their children that they should, but as soon as school commences the children are left entirely to the care of their teacher, who is expected to cram their heads full of knowledge, whether they desire it or not.

In regard to teachers, we would say that all, with one exception, have taught for the first time this year, and we would suggest to Prudential Committees that they employ the same teachers again, or others having some experience.

Teachers can do much better after the first term, and will continue to improve, and in order to get the full benefit of their instruction, they should be employed a number of terms in the same school.

Our school-rooms are quite comfortable, and pleasantly situated, but entirely deficient in Maps, Globes, or Charts, and have a fair amount of Blackboard surface.

Maps and Charts are not only necessary for instruction, but are an ornament to the room. A few dollars judiciously expended each year for a few years would supply all that would be needed.

In looking over the registers, we find that the teachers are not so particular as they ought to be in filling them out.

The questions are in the registers, with instructions how to obtain answers to difficult ones, and teachers should understand they are to be answered correctly.

There is a law that provides for this, but we are powerless to enforce it as long as Prudential Committees will ignore it by paying the teachers as soon as the school closes, without knowing whether the register is properly filled out and returned or not.

We cannot find a single register, (those from District No. 1 not excepted,) so well filled out as to make our report to the State Superintendent of Education without visiting every district in Town, to obtain some items of information called for in that report.

Below will be found a list of the schools, teachers, and number of scholars.

DISTRICT No. 2.

First term taught by Miss Emma M. Mudgett.
Number of weeks, 6.
Whole number of scholars, 13.
Average attendance, 13.

Second term taught by Miss S. Ella Mellen.
Number of weeks, 8.
Whole number of scholars, 12.
Average attendance, 6.

DISTRICT No. 3. (Union.)

First term taught by Miss Mira Cox.
Number of weeks, 6.
Whole number of scholars, 8.
Average attendance, 4.

Second term, same teacher.
Number of weeks, 12.
Whole number scholars, 6.
Average attendance, 3.

DISTRICT No. 4.

One term taught by Miss Nellie J. Clark.
Number of weeks, 16.
Whole number of scholars, 10.
Average not given.

DISTRICT No. 5. (Union.)

One term taught by Miss Amelia A. Smith.
Number of weeks, 14.
Whole number of scholars, 13.
Average attendance, 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, *S. S. Committee.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

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